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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: O. GRONG et al : Group : 1742
Serial No. : 10/182,237 : Examiner: D. Yee
Filed : July 23, 2002 : Dated : August
Title : METHOD FOR GRAIN REFINING: 31, 2005
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METHOD FOR PRODUCING
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REQUEST FOR REPUBLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.221(b)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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S i r:

Applicants request republication of the above application which had been published as US 2003/0010554 on January 16, 2003. This request is being submitted under 37 CFR 1.221(b) since the application was published with material mistakes that were the fault of the PTO and are apparent from the PTO records.

The entire specification, claims and a portion of the cover page of the erroneously published application were based on International Application No. PCT/US01/00029. However, the correct information for the current application is based on PCT/N001/00029. The attached decision on petition evidences the fact that the published application was based on PTO error.

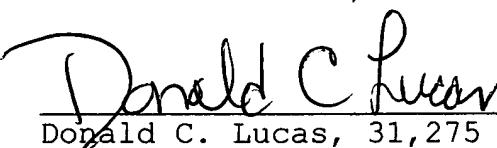
Applicants respectfully request republication of the above application under 37 CFR 1.221(b) based on the proper information relating to PCT/N001/00029. Although this request is being made after the 2-month deadline specified in 1.221(b), Applicants note that this request was not made sooner since efforts are still being made to correct the filing receipt.

If the PTO determines that this request falls under 37 CFR 1.221(a) instead of 1.221(b), appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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